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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

ANNE R.

WHereas *our Parliament ſtands Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Thirteenth Day of* January *next, We, with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, Publiſh and Declare Our Pleaſure, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid Thirteenth Day of* January *next, be Held and Sit for the Diſpatch of divers Weighty and Important Affairs. And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes, and Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs of the Houſe of Commons, are hereby Required and Commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at* Weſtminſter *the ſaid Thirteenth Day of* January *next.*

Given at Our Court at *Windſor* the 16th Day of *November*, 1712. in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

God ſave the QUEEN.

The following Addreſs from the Borough of *Sterling* being tranſmitted by Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, Repreſentative for the County of *Sterling*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by the Right Hon. the Viſcount of *Kilſyth*, and introduced by the Lord High Treaſurer.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty,*

The humble Addreſs of the Burgeſſes, Freemen, and other conſiderable Inhabitants within Your Majeſty's antient and loyal Borough of *Sterling*.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

OUR *Fore-Fathers, who had the Happineſs and Honour of dwelling near the Sacred Perſons of Your Royal Anceſtors, who for ſeveral Ages kept their Court in Your Royal Palace and Caſtle of* Sterling, *having tranſmitted to us the firm Principles of Loyalty to the moſt Illuſtrious, Antient and Sacred Race of* Stuarts, *the unqueſtionable Heirs to the Imperial Crown of* Great Britain: *We therefore beg leave at this time, with Hearts full of Gratitude and Joy, to expreſs our Zeal and Affection to Your Majeſty, ſincerely bleſſing God for raiſing Your Majeſty to be a glorious Inſtrument of ſettling the Church and Monarchy, that the Truths of Chriſtianity, with the undoubted Prieſthood, may be continued, and the hereditary Succeſſion may be for ever preſerved in the Empire of* Great Britain.

Madam,

We are fully convinced, That the Power of Peace and War is, and always was, the inſeparable Prerogative of the Crown; and therefore we cannot ſufficiently admire Your Majeſty's great Condeſcenſion, in laying before Your High Court of Parliament, the Terms upon which an honourable Peace may be had. We hope that God ſhall bleſs Your Royal Endeavours, notwithſtanding the Oppoſition of a Factious Party at Home, in conjunction with ungrateful Powers Abroad, that Britain *may be delivered from a bloody and expenſive War, that Your Subjects may with Joy and Thankfulneſs expect to reap the Benefits of a firm and laſting Peace, procured by Your Majeſty's great Wiſdom, to Your immortal Honour and Glory, and to the Welfare and Proſperity of all Your dutiful Subjects.*

We likewiſe with moſt grateful Acknowledgments, render Your Majeſty hearty Thanks, for granting a Toleration to all Your Subjects of the Epiſcopal Communion, and more eſpecially for allowing the Sons of the Church to officiate to us by the moſt Divine Worſhip of the Church of England, *in the hearing of which from our faithful Paſtor, we are further edify'd in the Knowledge of our Holy Faith, and taught to underſtand and believe the Primitive Doctrine, and Apoſtolick Government of the Church. Theſe moſt deſirable Bleſſings which we enjoy under Your Majeſty's happy Government, do highly oblige us to pray, That Your Majeſty may be ſtill bleſſed with ſuch a wiſe Miniſtry, a faithful Council, a loyal Senate, and victorious Army; that Your Royal Perſon may on Earth have a long Life and a glorious Reign, and hereafter an immortal Crown of Glory in Heaven.*

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty receiv'd very graciouſly.

Florence, November 8. *N. S.* The Great Duke hath lately diſpoſed of ſeveral Governments in this State, which became vacant by the Expiration of the Term allotted to thoſe who were before in Poſſeſſion of them. Monſignor Archinto, late Nuntio here, is returned from Milan, having obtained leave from the Pope to ſpend the Winter in this Place; and in the beginning of the Year he is to ſet out for Cologn, where he is appointed to Officiate. The Electoral Prince of Saxony is expected here very ſoon. It is reported, that a Body of Germans are to be Quarter'd in this Territory, in the ſame manner they were laſt Winter.

Copenhagen, November 12. *N. S.* Monſieur Vireck is gone from hence towards Norway, being appointed Vice Stadholder of that Kingdom. Before he went away, his Majeſty ordered him to take care that no Wrong ſhould be done to the Britiſh Traders in thoſe Parts. The King of Sweden having aſſigned his Office of Director of the Circle of Lower Saxony to the King of Pruſſia, his Daniſh Majeſty hath received a Letter from that Prince, deſiring that all the Acts and Records found at Staden, concerning the ſaid Office of Director, may be delivered over to him. The King of Denmark hath replied in poſitive Terms, that he will not comply with this Demand. The ſame Anſwer will be given to the Duke of Wolfenbuttel, who hath alſo ſent a Letter to the like purpoſe. Monſieur Holſt, Gentleman of the Bedchamber to the Princeſs Royal, is gone to Swerin, to Negotiate a Treaty with that Duke, for the Subſiſtance of Four thouſand Daniſh Horſe in his Country at the King's Expence during this Winter, and in caſe he will agree to this Requeſt, his Majeſty will pay him the Sum due for the Proviſions and Forage furniſhed for the uſe of his Troops the laſt Campaign, as well as that before, which amounts to One hundred thouſand Crowns. We have received advice, that the Swedes have forced the Paſſage of Damgard, and are entred into the Country of Mecklenburg with a Body of Fifteen thouſand Men, half of which are Cavalry.

Hanover, November 15. *N. S.* Letters from Pomerania bring an Account, that the Swedes are entered into Mecklenburg, and have advanced as far as Wiſmar. The Saxon Troops that guarded the Paſſages were obliged to retire, after having made ſome reſiſtance. General Steinbock hath publiſhed a Manifeſto, ſetting forth, that he was obliged to make that Expedition, in order to drive away the Enemies of his King; that he would cauſe exact Diſcipline to be obſerved, but as the Danes had been ſo long furniſh'd with Proviſions in that Country, he expected alſo to have his Troops ſubſiſted there. King Auguſtus hath diſpatched ſeveral Expreſſes to the King of Denmark, to deſire he will ſend ſome Forces to oppoſe the Swedes; but his Daniſh Majeſty hath not yet thought proper to comply with this Requeſt.

Berl'n, Nov. 19. *N. S.* The Prince of Anhalt arrived here laſt Monday. He ſent one of his Aids de Camp before him to acquaint his Majeſty, that he had ſurpriz'd the Dutch Garriſon of Meurs, and taken Poſſeſſion of that Place. The Succeſs of this Enterprize hath occaſioned great Joy at Court, and a Manifeſto was immediately ordered to be publiſhed in Juſtification of it. Count Schonborn, Preſident of the Imperial Commiſſion at Hamburg, arrived here two Days ago. He has been with the Elector of Hanover at Gohre, and the Duke of Mecklenburg at Grabe: And it is ſaid, he is to concert Meaſures with the Princes of the Circles of Lower Saxony, for reſtoring Tranquility in thoſe Parts.